

The Examiner states as her basis for the restriction requirement that in this case the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus, as the method does not recite the particulars of the apparatus, such as the conveyor. The Examiner further states that the process as claimed can be practiced by hand. Claim 9, however, as amended, does recite all particulars of the apparatus, including the conveyor.

The process as claimed could not be practiced by hand because, if for no other reason, claim 9 requires use of an apparatus. The process can be practiced only by an apparatus comprising the required elements of claim 9. Claims 1-7 comprise such an apparatus.

The inventions of what the Examiner labels as Group I (claims 1-7) and Group II (claims 9-11) are therefore not distinct, and only one search is required for both groups.

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Drawings

Attached is a replacement Fig. 1, identified as "Replacement Sheet", amending Fig. 1 and showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, including a schematic for the holder (2a) for the reactor and the reactor tubes (6a). The magazine (6) is also referred to as the Catalyst Sampler. The conveyer is illustrated by the line and arrow between the Catalyst Sampler and Reactor and is now labeled 6 b.

Also attached is a marked-up copy of Fig. 1, labeled "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes".